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NOTHER LODES.
Where the Bulk of the Precious Metals
are obtained.

(From the Journal of the American Bureau of Mines.)

The mother lode of the American continent, have few if any counterparts among the mines of the Old World, and stands entirely alone in the matter of productivity and extent. At the date of the discovery of America, the amount of precious metals known to exist in Europe was about \$170,000,000, while in 1840 it had quadrupled, and it is estimated that over \$3,000,000,000 of coined bullion is afloat in the markets of the world. More than one-half of this has been mined from the great mother veins of America, which have so far been found only along the western shore of the continent, in the great range of mountains extending from Alaska to Patagonia. The great mass of metal produced by these veins, directly, has been silver, though indirectly nearly as much gold originated in them, as will be seen in what follows.

The Teta Madre of Guanajuato, Mexico, was first opened during the sixteenth century, and after yielding many millions of silver, was abandoned. In 1769 it was re-opened, and in 1768 an immense body of ore was struck at a depth of 240 feet, from which nearly 1,000,000 annually were taken, up to 1810. A shaft 2,000 feet deep was then sunk, which developed the fact that at a depth of 1,200 feet the rich surface ore deteriorated in quality and were disseminated more evenly through the body of the vein. In this same year the mine was abandoned and allowed to fill with water. Fifty years later it was again re-opened by the Anglo-American Company, but the enormous expense of drainage forbade any profit and it was once more closed. At present it is being worked by the United Mexican Company, who, by saving low grade ore, are raising its annual product to something like the figures of the great Teta Madre in the celebrated Valenciana mine, with a history as romantic as can well be imagined. According to Humboldt, a Spaniard by the name of Oberon selected the location upon a portion of the lode before then unprospected. After working for a long time with no return, an immense body of ore was struck from which, from January 1787 to June 1791, nearly \$15,000,000 were taken, making its owner one of the richest men in the world at the time. The whole vein since its discovery has yielded in the neighborhood of \$800,000,000.

The Yeta Grande, another great mother lode of Mexico, has been the theater of huge operations and disastrous failures. In 1745, Bustamante, a Spaniard, discovered a tunnel for the lode to effect its drainage. He died during the prosecution of the work, and was succeeded by Don Terreros, who, after running 9,000 feet, cut the vein 600 feet below the surface and found a great body of ore, from which, in twelve years, he extracted a profit of \$6,000,000. His successor continued the working of the mine, but in attempting to operate below the level of the adit was finally overpowered at a depth of 325 feet by the waters, and the mine was abandoned. In 1823 the English Real del Monte Company re-opened the mine, and by the aid of new steam machinery worked it to a depth of 710 feet below the tunnel, when the waters again overpowered them, and the mine was closed and sold for a mere nothing.

The great mines of the Potosi in Bolivia, which are rather the aggregation of large number of minor veins, and into the principal ore channel, have produced a total of \$1,200,000,000, and are annually yielding now from eight to twelve millions, though not worked with anything like the energy and science that has been concentrated upon the mineral deposits of the United States. To the great mother lode of the latter we now turn, and find four to whom that designation can be applied, viz., the Comstock and Raymond & Ely of Nevada, the Moss lode of Arizona, and the gold mother lode of California.

The Comstock needs but little description, being so well known. Since its discovery in 1859, it has produced nearly \$150,000,000, and has been worked with more energy than any other vein upon the continent. A depth of 1,800 feet and over has been reached upon the vein, and as yet no deterioration, found in the quality or quantity of the ore. The limit of advantageous mining from the surface has however been nearly reached, and were it not for the provision of the Sutro Tunnel, which will cut and drain the lode at a depth of two thousand feet, the Comstock would soon have to be abandoned as unprofitable.

The Raymond & Ely mine is of very recent location, but is producing at present a larger amount of bullion than any other silver mine under one management in the world. Over \$4,000,000 were yielded in 1872, and an idea can be had of its value from the fact that the lode has upon its bulks produced for the first quarter of 1873 was \$18,000.

The Moss lode of Arizona has as yet received no extensive developments, and only claims a place among the list of mother lodes on account of its great length. It is silver-bearing, and may probably become one of the great veins of the future, when the Apache is no more and the Southern Pacific Railroad is an accomplished fact.

Last and greatest of all in extent, production and size, is the great California gold vein, or the mother lode of the Sierra Nevada. This fissure has been distinctly traced, with occasional interruptions, for nearly eighty miles. A line drawn on the map from Mariposa to Amador would not depart from the course of the lode more than two or three miles at any place. At the crossing of the main rivers it is lost almost always, but again found in the bluffs beyond, in places cropping out like a wall of quartz for miles. Besides having been in all probability the source of many of the rich placers and bars that have yielded their millions of gold, the lode is worked in a great number of locations with success. The metal is found in fine particles, quite evenly distributed in the chert, and in small quantities, and existing in smaller quantities in almost every part of the vein. The most prominent mines now working upon it are the Amador, Keystone, Hayward, Loring, Mc Alpine, and others.

It is an error to place the Raymond & Ely ahead of either the Crown Point or the Belcher.

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A GHOSTLY VISITATION.

The Davenport (Iowa) Gazette vouches for the absolute truth of the following, though for obvious reasons all names are suppressed:

One of the leading citizens of North Davenport had an only daughter who was betrothed to a young man of fair promise—a clerk in a commercial house in Dubuque.

His visits to that city were regular, and arrangements had been made for an immediate union, when the bride elect was stricken down by typhoid fever, and in spite of all that skill and care could do, died. The Gazette reporter says:

"We saw her in her coffin, dressed for the bridal of death, not for the consummation of all earthly love. We witnessed the agony as her loved one bent in speechless, tearless abstraction over the satin-lined burial case."

After the melancholy journey to Oakdale the young man returned to Dubuque. Nervous fever set in, and a peculiar hallucination seized him that his lost one was present in the room, draped in the same garb which had enveloped her clay. All remembrance was in vain. He minutely described her dress, her appearance and her position in the chamber, even when his parents or friends would sit or stand where he declared her to be, he saw her glide away and take another place. This went on for weeks, and the patient was gradually sinking under the physical and nervous excitement, when a friendly nurse was tried to cure him of his fantasy.

Coming to Davenport, his mother found that his funeral garments were purchased at the store of C. & M., and made by Mrs. B. She procured the material, had it made up in fac simile, and returning a young lady as near in height and appearance as could be found, was dressed to resemble his deceased love, and during one of his feverish and brief slumbers was introduced into the room, taking her seat in a shaded corner.

His awakening was anxiously watched, and sanguine hopes of removing his hallucination was indulged in. He woke at length, and turning his eyes in the direction of the pious fraud, started with fright, and in a few seconds, then raising himself almost upright in his bed, flung his arms aloft, and shrieking in an unearthly voice, "My God, there are two of them!" fell back and expired.

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